

TO: FCC Task Force on Broadcast Localism
SUBJECT: RM-10803

I am writing to let you know that I oppose the renewal of the license of Clear Channel networks in North Carolina, specifically the Raleigh/Durham area and station G105 (WDGC).

On September 22 and 23, their AM personalities, Bob and Madison, dedicated a segment of their program, on both days, to advocating violence against cyclists. One host suggested throwing bottles and other items at cyclists when driving by them. They were using the airwaves to instruct the motoring public to commit a Class E felony by violating North Carolina General Statute 14-32, Assault with a Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury. A car can be considered a deadly weapon in a situation where person/motorist has intentionally struck a cyclist, as suggested on the Bob and Madison Show.

We have an extremely strong cycling community, which raises funds to find cures for diseases such as multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and AIDS. Recently, more than 600 cyclists pedaled their way to Washington, D.C., in the Tour de Friends, raising money and awareness for AIDS/HIV. More recently, more than 900 cyclists took part in the MS150 Bike Tour and raised more than \$640,000. I personally participated in both of these events and am proud to live in a community of such compassionate people. So it is disturbing, at best, that Clear Channel is advocating making these people targets.

While I know it is common, particularly with these personalities, to rely on shock topics and stunts for ratings, advocating violence against anyone is both morally and legally reprehensible. Radio stations all around the country are charged with operating for the public good. Clear Channel has clearly not made this their focus. Their programming strategies need to be changed for the better or they need to not be broadcasting at all.

Respectfully submitted

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